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Little GOODY TWO-SHOES;
Otherwise called,
Mrs. MARGERY TWO-SHOES.

W I T H

The Means by which she acquired her
Learning and Wisdom, and in conse-
quence thereof her Estate; set forth
at large for the Benefit of those,

*Who from a State of Rags and Care,
And having Shoes but half a Pair;
Their Fortune and their Fame would fix,
And gallop in a Coach and Six.*



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TO ALL
Young Gentlemen and Ladies,

Who are good, or intend to be good,

This BOOK

Is inscribed by

Their Old Friend

In St. Paul's Church-yard.

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The Renowned

HISTORY

OF

Little GOODY TWO-SHOES.

Commonly called,

Old GOODY TWO-SHOES.

PART. I.

INTRODUCTION. By the Editor.

ALL the World must allow, that
Two Shoes was not her real
 Name. No; her Father's Name was
Meanwell; and he was for many Years
 a considerable Farmer in the Parish
 where *Margery* was born; but by the
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Misfortunes which he met with in Bu-
 siness, and the wicked Persecutions
 of Sir *Timothy Gripe*, and an over-
 grown Farmer called *Graspall*, he was
 effectually ruined.

The Case was thus. The Parish of
Mouldwell, where they lived, had for
 many Ages been let by the Lord of the
 Manor into twelve different Farms, in
 which the Tenants lived comfortably,
 brought up large Families, and care-
 fully supported the poor People who
 laboured for them; until the Estate
 by Marriage and by Death came into
 the Hands of Sir *Timothy*.

This Gentleman, who loved himself
 better than all his Neighbours, thought
 it less Trouble to write one Receipt
 for his Rent than twelve, and Farmer
Graspall offering to take all the Farms
 as the Leases expired, Sir *Timothy*
 agreed with him, and in Process of

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Time he was possessed of every Farm, but that occupied by little *Margery's* Father; which he also wanted; for as Mr. *Meanwell* was a charitable good Man, he stood up for the poor at the Parish Meetings, and was unwilling to have them oppressed by Sir *Timothy*, and this avaricious Farmer.-- Judge, oh kind, humane and courteous Reader, what a terrible Situation the Poor must be in, when this covetous Man was perpetual Overseer, and every Thing for their Maintenance was drawn from his hard Heart and cruel Hand. But he was not only perpetual Overseer, but perpetual Churchwarden; and judge, oh ye Christians, what State the Church must be in, when supported by a Man without Religion or Virtue. He was also perpetual Surveyor of the Highways, and what Sort of Roads he kept up for

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for the Convenience of Travellers, those best know who have had the Misfortune to be obliged to pass thro' that Parish. — Complaints indeed were made, but to what Purpose are Complaints, when brought against a Man, who can hunt, drink, and smok with the Lord of the Manor, who is also the Justice of Peace?

The Opposition which little *Margery's* Father made to this Man's Tyranny, gave Offence to Sir *Timothy*, who endeavoured to force him out of his Farm; and to oblige him to throw up the Lease, ordered both a Brick Kiln and a Dog-kennel to be erected in the Farmer's Orchard. This was contrary to Law, and a Suit was commenced, in which *Margery's* Father got the better. The same Offence was again committed three different Times, and as many Actions brought,

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in all of which the Farmer had a Verdict and Coſts paid him; but notwithstanding theſe Advantages, the Law was ſo expensive, that he was ruined in the Conteſt, and obliged to give up all he had to his Creditors; which effectually answered the purpoſe of Sir *Timothy*, who erected theſe Nuiſances in the Farmer's Orchard with that Intention only. Ah, my dear Reader, we brag of Liberty, and boaſt of our Laws; but the Bleſſings of the one, and the Protection of the other, ſeldom fall to the Lot of the Poor; and eſpecially when a rich Man is their Adverſary. How, in the Name of Goodneſs, can a poor Wretch obtain Redreſs, when thirty Pounds are inſufficient to try his Cauſe? Where is he to find Money to ſee Council, or how can he plead his Cauſe himſelf (even if he

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was permitted) when our Laws are ſo obſcure, and ſo multiplied, that an Abridgment of them cannot be contained in fifty Volumes in Folio?

As ſoon as Mr. *Mearwell* had called together his Creditors, Sir *Timothy* ſeized for a Year's Rent, and turned the Farmer, his Wife, little *Margery*, and her Brother out of Doors, without any of the Neceſſaries of Life to ſupport them.



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This elated the Heart of Mr. *Graspall*, this crowned his Hopes, and filled the Measure of his Iniquity; for besides gratifying his Revenge, this Man's Overthrow gave him the sole Dominion of the Poor, whom he depressed and abused in a Manner too horrible to mention.

Margery's Father flew into another Parish for Succour, and all those who were able to move left their Dwellings and sought Employment elsewhere, as they found it would be impossible to live under the Tyranny of two such People. The very old, the very lame and the blind were obliged to stay behind, and whether they were starved, or what became of them, History does not say; but the Character of the great Sir *Timothy*, and his avaricious Tenant, were so infamous, that nobody would work for them by the Day, and

Servants

Servants were afraid to engage themselves by the Year, lest any unforeseen Accident should leave them Parishioners in a Place, where they knew they must perish miserably; so that great Part of the Land lay untilld for some Years, which was deemed a just Reward for such diabolical Proceedings.

But what, says the Reader, can occasion all this? Do you intend this for Children, Mr. NEWBERRY? Why, do you suppose this is written by Mr. NEWBERRY, Sir? This may come from another Hand. This is not the Book, Sir, mentioned in the Title, but the Introduction to that Book; and it is intended, Sir, not for those Sort of Children, but for Children of six Feet high, of which, as my Friend has justly observed, there are many Millions in the Kingdom; and these

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Reflections, Sir, have been rendered
necessary, by the unaccountable and
diabolical Scheme which many Gen-
tlemen now give into, of laying a
Number of Farms into one, and very
often of a whole Parish into one
Farm ; which in the End must reduce
the common People to a State of Vas-
salage, worse than that under the Ba-
rons of old, or of the Clans in *Scot-*
land ; and will in Time depopulate
the Kingdom. But as you are tired
of the Subject, I shall take myself
away, and you may visit *Little Mar-*
gery. So, Sir, your Servant,

THE EDITOR.

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CHAP. I.

How and about Little Margery and
her Brother.

CARE and Discontent shortened
the Days of *Little Margery's*
Father.—He was forced from his Fa-
mily, and seized with a violent Fever
in a Place where Dr. *James's* Powder
was not to be had, and where he died
miserably. *Margery's* poor Mother
survived the Loss of her Husband but
a few Days, and died of a broken
Heart, leaving *Margery* and her little
Brother to the wide World ; but, poor
Woman, it would have melted your
Heart to have seen how frequently
she heaved up her head, while she
lay speechless, to survey with lan-
guishing Looks her little Orphans,

as

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as much as to say, *Do Tommy, do Margery, come with me.* They cried, poor Things, and she sighed away her Soul ; and I hope is happy.



It would both have excited your Pity, and have done your Heart good, to have seen how fond these two little ones were of each other, and how, Hand in Hand, they trotted about. Pray see them.

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They were both very ragged, and Tommy had two Shoes, but Margery had but one. They had nothing, poor Things, to support them (not being in their own Parish) but what they picked from the Hedges, or got from the poor People, and they lay every Night in a Barn. Their Relations took no Notice of them ; no, they were rich, and ashamed to own such

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such a poor little ragged Girl as *Margery*, and such a dirty little curl-pated Boy as *Tommy*. Our Relations and Friends seldom take Notice of us when we are poor; but as we grow rich they grow fond. And this will always be the Case, while People love Money better than Virtue, or better than they do God Almighty. But such wicked Folks, who love nothing but Money, and are proud and despise the Poor, never come to any good in the End, as we shall see by and by.

CHAP. II.

How and about Mr. Smith.

MR. *Smith* was a very worthy Clergyman, who lived in the Parish where Little *Margery* and *Tommy*

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Tommy were born; and having a Relation come to see him, who was a charitable good Man, he sent for these Children to him. The Gentleman ordered Little *Margery* a new Pair of Shoes, gave Mr. *Smith* some Money to buy her Cloathes; and said, he would take *Tommy* and make him a little Sailor; and accordingly had a Jacket and Trowsers made for him, in which he now appears. Pray look at him.



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After some Days the Gentleman intended to go to *London*, and take little *Tommy* with him, of whom you will know more by and by, for we shall at a proper Time present you with some Part of his History, Travels and Adventures.

The Parting between these two little Children was very affecting, *Tommy* cried, and *Margery* cried, and they kissed each other an hundred Times. At last *Tommy* thus wiped off her Tears



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with the End of his Jacket, and bid her cry no more, for that he would come to her again, when he returned from Sea. However, as they were so very fond, the Gentleman would not suffer them to take Leave of each other; but told *Tommy* he should ride out with him, and come back at Night. When Night came, Little *Margery* grew very uneasy about her Brother, and after sitting up as late as Mr. *Smith* would let her, she went crying to Bed.

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How Little Margery obtained the Name of Goody Two-Shoes, and what happened in the Parish.

AS soon as Little *Margery* got up in the Morning, which was
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very early, she ran all round the
Village, crying for her Brother;
and after some Time returned great-
ly distressed. However, at this In-
stant, the Shoemaker very oppor-
tunely came in with the new Shoes,
for which she had been measured by
the Gentleman's Order.

Nothing could have supported Lit-
tle Margery under the Affliction she
was in for the Loss of her Brother,
but the Pleasure she took in her *two*
Shoes. She ran out to Mrs. Smith as
soon as they were put on, and strok-
ing down her ragged Apron thus,

cried



cried out, *Two Shoes, Mame, see two*
Shoes. And so she behaved to all the
People she met, and by that Means
obtained the Name of *Goody Two-*
Shoes, though her Playmates called
her *Old Goody Two-Shoes*.

Little Margery was very happy in
being with Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who
were very charitable and good to her,
and had agreed to breed her up with
their

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their Family; but as soon as that
Tyrant of the Parish, that *Graspall*,
heard of her being there, he applied
first to Mr. *Smith*, and threatened to
reduce his Tythes if he kept her; and
after that he spoke to Sir *Timothy*,
who sent Mr. *Smith* a peremptory
Message by his Servant, that he should
send back *Meanwell's Girl* to be kept
by her Relations, and not harbour her
in the Parish. This so distressed Mr.
Smith that he shed Tears, and cried,
Lord have Mercy on the Poor!

The Prayers of the Righteous fly
upwards, and reach unto the Throne
of Heaven, as will be seen in the
Sequel.

Mrs. *Smith* was also greatly concerned at being thus obliged to discard poor Little *Margery*. She kissed her and cried;



as also did Mr. *Smith*, but they were obliged to send her away; for the People who had ruined her Father, could at any Time have ruined them.

C H A P. IV.

*How Little Margery learned to read,
and by Degrees taught others.*

LITTLE Margery saw how good, and how wise Mr. Smith was, and concluded, that this was owing to his great Learning, therefore she wanted of all Things to learn to read. For this Purpose she used to meet the little Boys and Girls as they came from School, borrow their Books, and sit down and read till they returned;

By



By this Means she soon got more Learning than any of her Playmates, and laid the following Scheme for instructing those who were more ignorant than herself. She found, that only the following Letters were required to spell all the Words in the World; but as some of these Letters are large and some small, she with her

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her Knife cut out of several Pieces of
Wood ten Sets of each of these:

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
p q r s t u v w x y z.

And six Sets of these:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.

And having got an old Spelling-
Book, she made her Companions set
up all the Words they wanted to spell,
and after that she taught them to
compose Sentences. You know what
a Sentence is, my Dear, *I will be*
good, is a Sentence; and is made up
as you see, of several Words.

The usual Manner of Spelling, or
carrying on the Game, as they called
it,

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it, was this: Suppose the Word to
be spelt was Plumb Pudding (and
who can suppose a better) the Chil-
dren were placed in a Circle, and
the first brought the Letter *P*, the
next *l*, the next *u*, the next *m*, and
so on till the Whole was spelt; and
if any one brought a wrong Letter,
he was to pay a Fine, or play no
more. This was at their Play; and
every Morning she used to go round
to teach the Children with these
Rattle-traps in a Basket, as you see
in the Print.

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Thence went her Rounds with her, and was highly diverted, as you may be, if you please to look into the next Chapter.

C H A P. V.

How little Two-Shoes became a trotting Tutoress, and how she taught her young Pupils.

IT was about seven o'Clock in the Morning when we set out on this important

important Business, and the first House we came to was Farmer Wilson's. See here it is.



Here Margery stopped, and ran up to the Door, *Tap, tap, tap*. Who's there? Only little Goody Two-Shoes, answered Margery, come to teach Billy. Oh Little Goody, says Mrs. Wilson, with Pleasure in her Face, I am glad to see you, Billy wants you

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 you sadly, for he has learned all his
 Lesson. Then out came the little
 Boy. *How do, doody Two-Shoes,* says
 he, not able to speak plain. Yet this
 little Boy had learned all his Letters,
 for she threw down this Alphabet
 mixed together thus :

b d f h k m o q s u w y z
 a c e g i l n p r t v x j.

and he picked them up, called them
 by their right Names, and put them
 all in order thus :

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o
 p q r s t u v w x y z.

She then threw down the Alphabet
 of Capital Letters in the Manner you
 here see them.

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B D F H K M O Q S U W Y Z
 A C E G I L N P R T V X J.

and he picked them all up, and hav-
 ing told their Names, placed them
 thus :

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
 N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.

Now, pray little Reader, take this
 Bodkin, and see if you can point out
 the Letters from these mixed Alpha-
 bets, and tell how they should be
 placed as well as little Boy *Billy*.

The next place we came to was
 Farmer *Simpson's*, and here it is.

Now



Bow, wow, wow, says the Dog at the Door. *Sirrah*, says his Mistress, what do you bark at *Little Two-Shoes*. Come in *Madge*; here, *Sally* wants you sadly, she has learned all her Lesson. Then out came the little one: So *Madge*! says she; fo *Sally*! answered the other, have you learned your Lesson? Yes, that's what I have, replied the little one in the

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the Country Manner; and immediately taking the Letters she set up these Syllables:

ba be bi bo bu, ca ce ci co cu
da de di do du, fa fe fi fo fu.

and gave them their exact Sounds as she composed them; after which she set up the following:

ac ec ic oc uc, ad ed id od ud
af ef if of uf, ag eg ig og ug

And pronounced them likewise. She then sung the Cuzz's Chorus (which may be found in the *Little Pretty Play Thing*, published by Mr. NEWBERRY) and to the same Tune to which it is there set.

After this, *Little Two-Shoes* taught her to spell Words of one Syllable,
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and she soon set up Pear, Plum,
Top, Ball, Pin, Puss, Dog, Hog,
Fawn, Buck, Doe, Lamb, Sheep,
Ram, Cow, Bull, Cock, Hen, and
many more.

The next Place we came to was
Gaffer Cook's Cottage; there you see
it before you.



Here a Number of poor Children
were met to learn: who all came
round

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round Little *Margery* at once; and,
having pulled out her Letters, she
asked the little Boy next her, what
he had for Dinner? Who answered,
Bread, (the poor Children in many
Places live very hard.) Well then,
says she, set the first Letter. He put
up the Letter B, to which the next
added r, and the next e, the next
a, the next d, and it stood thus,
Bread.

And what had you *Polly Comb* for
your Dinner? *Apple-pye*, answered
the little Girl: Upon which the next
in Turn set up a great A, the two
next a p each, and so on till the two
Words *Apple* and *Pye* were united
and stood thus, *Apple-pye*.

The next had *Potatoes*, the next
Beef and Turnips, which were spelt,
with many others, till the Game

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of Spelling was finished. She then
set them another Task, and we pro-
ceeded.

The next Place we came to was
Farmer *Thompson's*, where there were
a great many little ones waiting for
her.

So, little Mrs. *Goody Two-Shoes*,
says one of them, where have you
been so long? I have been teaching,
says she, longer than I intended, and
am afraid I am come too soon for
you now. No, but indeed you are
not, replied the other; for I have
got my Lesson, and so has *Sally*
Dawson, and so has *Harry Wilson*,
and so we have all; and they caper-
ed about as if they were overjoyed to
see her. Why then, says she, you
are all very good, and God Al-
mighty will love you; so let us begin
our Lessons. They all huddled round
her,

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her, and though at the other Place
they were employed about Words and
Syllables, here we had People of much
greater Understanding, who dealt only
in Sentences.

The Letters being brought upon
the Table, one of the little Ones set
up the following Sentence:

*The Lord have Mercy upon me, and
grant that I may be always good, and
say my Prayers, and love the Lord my
God with all my Heart, with all my
Soul, and with all my Strength; and
honour the King, and all good Men in
Authority under him.*

Then the next took the Letters,
and composed this Sentence:

*Lord have Mercy upon me, and grant
that I may love my Neighbour as myself,
and do unto all Men as I would have
them do unto me, and tell no Lies; but
be honest and just in all my Dealings.*

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The third composed the following Sentence:

The Lord have Mercy upon me, and grant that I may honour my Father and Mother, and love my Brothers and Sisters, Relations and Friends, and all my Playmates, and every Body, and endeavour to make them happy.

The fourth composed the following:

I pray GOD to bless this whole Company, and all our Friends, and all our Enemies.

To this last Polly Sullen objected, and said, truly, she did not know why she should pray for her Enemies? Not pray for your Enemies, says Little Margery; yes, you must, you are no Christian, if you don't forgive your Enemies, and do Good for Evil. Polly still pouted; upon which Little Margery said, though she was poor,

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poor, and obliged to lie in a Barn, she would not keep Company with such a naughty, proud, perverse Girl as Polly; and was going away; however the Difference was made up, and she set them to compose the following

LESSONS

For the CONDUCT of LIFE.

LESSON I.

He that will thrive,
Must rise by Five.
He that hath thriv'n,
May lie till Seven.
Truth may be blam'd,
But cannot be sham'd.
Tell me with whom you go,
And I'll tell what you do.

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A Friend in your Need,
Is a Friend indeed.
They ne'er can be wise,
Who good Counsel despise.

LESSON II.

A wise Head makes a close Mouth.
Don't burn your Lips with another
Man's Broth.
Wit is Folly, unless a wise Man hath
the keeping of it.
Use soft Words and hard Arguments.
Honey catches more Flies than Vi-
negar.
To forget a Wrong is the best Re-
venge.
Patience is a Plaister for all Sores.
Where Pride goes, Shame will follow.
When Vice enters the Room, Ven-
geance is near the Door.

Industry

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Industry is Fortune's Right Hand, and
Frugality her Left.
Make much of Three-pence, or you
ne'er will be worth a groat.

LESSON III.

A Lie stands upon one Leg, but Truth
upon two.
When a man talks much, believe but
Half what he says.
Fair Words butter no Parsnips.
Bad Company poisons the Mind.
A covetous Man is never satisfied.
Abundance, like Want, ruins many.
Contentment is the best Fortune.
A contented Mind is a continual Feast.

A LESSON in Religion.

Love God, for he is good.
Fear God, for he is just.

Pray

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Pray to GOD, for all good Things
come from him.

Praise GOD, for great is his Mercy
towards us, and wonderful are all
his Works.

Those who strive to be good, have
GOD on their Side.

Those who have GOD for their
Friend, shall want nothing.

Confess your Sins to GOD, and if you
repent he will forgive you.

Remember that all you do, is done in
the Presence of GOD.

The Time will come, my Friends,
when we must give

Account to GOD, how we on Earth
did live.

A MORAL LESSON.

A good Boy will make a good Man.
Honour your Parents, and the World
will honour you.

Love

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Love your Friends, and your Friends
will love you.

He that swims in Sin, will sink in
Sorrow.

Learn to live, as you would wish to
die.

As you expect all Men should deal
by you ;

So deal by them, and give each
Man his Due.

As we were returning Home, we
saw a Gentleman, who was very ill,
sitting under a shady Tree at the
Corner of his Rookery. Though ill,
he began to joke with Little Margery,
and said, laughingly, so, *Goody Two-
Shoes*, they tell me you are a cun-
ning little Baggage ; pray, can you
tell me what I shall do to get well ?
Yes, Sir, says she, go to Bed when
your

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your Rooks do. You see they are
going to Rest already :



Do you so likewise, and get up with
them in the Morning ; earn, as they
do, every Day what you eat, and eat
and drink no more than you earn ;
and you'll get Health and keep it.
What should induce the Rooks to
frequent Gentlemens Houses only,
but to tell them how to lead a pru-
dent

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dent Life ? They never build over
Cottages or Farm-houses, because
they see, that these People know how
to live without their Admonition.

*Thus Health and Wit you may improve,
Taught by the Tenants of the Grove.*

The Gentleman laughing gave Mar-
gery Six-pence, and told her she was a
sensible Hussy.

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How the whole Parish was frightened.

WHO does not know Lady
Ducklington, or who does not
know that she was buried at this Pa-
rish Church ?

Well,



Well, I never saw so grand a Funeral in all my Life; but the Money they squandered away, would have been better laid out in little Books for Children, or in Meat, Drink, and Cloaths for the Poor.

This is a fine Hearse indeed, and the nodding Plumes on the Horses

look



look very grand; but what End does that answer, otherwise than to display the Pride of the Living, or the Vanity of the Dead. Fie upon such Folly, say I, and Heaven grant that those who want more Sense may have it.

But all the Country round came to see the Burying, and it was late before the Corpse was interred. After

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ter which, in the Night, or rather
about Four o'Clock in the Morning,
the Bells were heard to jingle in the
Steeple, which frightened the People
prodigiously, who all thought it was
Lady Ducklington's Ghost dancing a-
mong the Bell-ropes. The People
flocked to *Will Dobbins* the Clerk,
and wanted him to go and see what
it was; but *William* said, he was sure
it was a Ghost, and that he would
not offer to open the Door. At length
Mr. Long the Rector, hearing such
an Uproar in the Village, went to
the Clerk, to know why he did not
go into the Church, and see who was
there. I go, Sir, says *William*, why
the Ghost would frighten me out of
my Wits.—*Mrs. Dobbins* too cried,
and laying hold of her Husband said,
he should not be eat up by the Ghost.
A Ghost, you Blockheads, says *Mr.*
Long

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Long in a Pet, did either of you ever
see a Ghost, or know any Body that
did? Yes, says the Clerk, my Fa-
ther did once in the Shape of a
Windmill, and it walked all round
the Church in a white Sheet, with
Jack Boots on, and had a Gun by
its Side instead of a Sword. A fine
Picture of a Ghost truly, says *Mr.*
Long, give me the Key of the Church,
you Monkey; for I tell you there is no
such Thing now, whatever may have
been formerly. — Then taking the
Key, he went to the Church, all the
People following him. As soon as
he had opened the Door, what Sort
of a Ghost do you think appeared?
Why *Little Two-Shoes*, who being
weary, had fallen asleep in one of the
Pews during the Funeral Service, and
was shut in all Night. She imme-
diately asked *Mr. Long's* Pardon for the
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Trouble

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 Trouble she had given him, told
 him, she had been locked into the
 Church, and said, she should not
 have rung the Bells, but that she was
 very cold, and hearing Farmer Boul's
 Man go whistling by with his Horses,
 she was in Hopes he would have went
 to the Clerk for the Key to let her
 out.



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CHAP. VII.

*Containing an Account of all the Spi-
 rits, or Ghosts, she saw in the
 Church.*

THE People were ashamed to ask
 Little Madge any Questions be-
 fore Mr. Long, but as soon as he was
 gone, they all got round her to sa-
 tisfy their Curiosity, and desired she
 would give them a particular Ac-
 count of all that she had heard and
 seen.

Her TALE.

I went to the Church, said she, as
 most of you did last night, to see the
 Burying, and being very weary, I
 fate me down in Mr. Jones's Pew,
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and fell fast asleep. At Eleven of the Clock I awoke; which I believe was in some measure occasioned by the Clock's striking, for I heard it. I started up, and could not at first tell where I was; but after some Time I recollected the Funeral, and soon found that I was shut in the Church. It was dismal dark, and I could see nothing; but while I was standing in the Pew, something jumped up upon me behind, and laid, as I thought, its Hands over my shoulders.—I own, I was a little afraid at first; however, I considered that I had always been constant at Prayers and at Church, and that I had done nobody any Harm, but had endeavoured to do what Good I could; and then, thought I, what have I to fear? yet I kneeled down to say my Prayers. As soon as I was on my Knees something

thing very cold, as cold as Marble, ay, as cold as Ice, touched my Neck, which made me start; however, I continued my Prayers, and having begged Protection from Almighty God, I found my Spirits come, and I was sensible that I had nothing to fear; for God Almighty protects not only all those who are good, but also all those who endeavour to be good.—Nothing can withstand the Power, and exceed the Goodness of God Almighty. Armed with the Confidence of his Protection, I walked down the Church Isle, when I heard something, pit pat, pit pat, pit pat, come after me, and something touched my Hand, which seemed as cold as a Marble Monument. I could not think what this was, yet I knew it could not hurt me, and therefore I made myself easy, but being very cold, and

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the Church being paved with Stone,
which was very damp, I felt my Way
as well as I could to the Pulpit, in
doing which something brushed by
me, and almost threw me down.
However I was not frightened, for
I knew, that God Almighty would
suffer nothing to hurt me.

At last, I found out the Pulpit,
and having shut too the Door, I laid
me down on the Mat and Cushion
to sleep; when something thrust and
pulled the Door, as I thought for
Admittance, which prevented my go-
ing to sleep. At last it cries, *Bow,*
wow, wow; and I concluded it must
be Mr. *Saunderson's* Dog, which had
followed me from their House to
Church, so I opened the Door, and
called *Snip, Snip*, and the Dog jump-
ed up upon me immediately. After
this, *Snip* and I lay down together,
and

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and had a most comfortable Nap;
for when I awoke again it was almost
light. I then walked up and down
all the Isles of the Church to keep
myself warm; and though I went
into the Vault, and trod on Lady
Ducklington's Coffin, I saw no Ghost,
and I believe it was owing to the
Reason Mr. *Long* has given you,
namely, that there is no such Thing
to be seen. As to my Part, I would
as soon lie all Night in the Church,
as in any other Place; and I am sure
that any little Boy or Girl, who is
good, and loves God Almighty, and
keeps his Commandments, may as
safely lie in the Church, or the
Church yard, as any where else, if
they take Care not to get Cold;
for I am sure there are no Ghosts,
either to hurt, or to frighten them;
though any one possessed of Fear
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might have taken Neighbour *Sam-*
derfon's Dog with his cold Nose for a
Ghost; and if they had not been un-
deceived, as I was, would never have
thought otherwise. All the Com-
pany acknowledged the Justness of
the Observation, and thanked Little
Two-Shoes for her Advice.

REFLECTION.

After this, my dear Children, I
hope you will not believe any foolish
Stories, that ignorant, weak, or de-
signing People may tell you about
Ghosts; for the Tales of *Ghosts*,
Witches, and *Fairies*, are the Frolicks
of a distempered Brain. No wise
Man ever saw either of them. Little
Margery you see was not afraid; no,
she had *good Sense*, and a *good Con-*
science, which is a Cure for all these
imaginary Evils.

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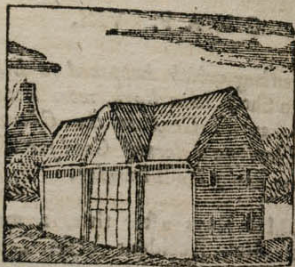
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CHAP. VIII.

Of something which happened to Little
Two-Shoes in a Barn, more dread-
ful than the Ghost in the Church;
and how she returned Good for Evil
to her Enemy Sir Timothy.

SOME Days after this, a more
dreadful Accident befel Little
Madge. She happened to be coming
late from teaching, when it rained,
thundered, and lightened, and there-
fore she took Shelter in a Farmer's
Barn

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at a Distance from the Village. Soon after, the Tempest drove in four Thieves, who, not seeing such a little creep-mouse Girl as *Two-Shoes*, lay down on the Hay next to her, and began to talk over their Exploits, and to settle Plans for future Robberies. Little *Margery* on hearing them, covered herself with Straw. To be sure she was sadly frightened, but her good Sense

Sense taught her, that the only Security she had was in keeping herself concealed; therefore she laid very still, and breathed very softly. About Four o'Clock these wicked People came to a Resolution to break both Sir *William Dove's* House, and Sir *Timothy Gripe's*, and by Force of Arms to carry off all their Money, Plate and Jewels; but as it was thought then too late, they agreed to defer it till the next Night. After laying this Scheme, they all set out upon their Pranks, which greatly rejoiced *Margery*, as it would any other little Girl in her Situation. Early in the Morning she went to Sir *William*, and told him the whole of their Conversation. Upon which, he asked her Name, gave her something, and bid her call at his House the Day following. She also went to Sir *Timothy*, notwithstanding

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standing he had used her so ill; for
she knew it was her Duty to *do Good*
for Evil. As soon as he was inform-
ed who she was, he took no Notice
of her; upon which she desired to
speak to Lady *Gripe*; and having in-
formed her Ladyship of the Affair,
she went her Way. This Lady had
more Sense than her Husband, which
indeed is not a singular Case; for in-
stead of despising Little *Margery* and
her Information, she privately set
People to guard the House. The
Robbers divided themselves, and
went about the Time mentioned to
both Houses, and were surprized by
the Guards, and taken. Upon exa-
mining these Wretches, one of which
turned Evidence, both Sir *William*
and Sir *Timothy* found that they owed
their Lives to the Discovery made by
Little *Margery*; and the first took
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great Notice of her, and would no
longer let her lie in a Barn; but Sir
Timothy only said, that he was asham-
ed to owe his Life to the Daughter
of one who was his Enemy; so true
it is, that a proud Man seldom forgives
those he has injured.

CHAP. IX.

*How Little Margery was made Prin-
cipal of a Country College.*

MRS. *Williams*, of whom I have
given a particular Account in
my *New Year's Gift*, and who kept
a College for instructing little Gen-
tlemen and Ladies in the Science of
A, B, C, was at this Time very old
and infirm, and wanted to decline
that important Trust. This being
told to Sir *William Dove*, who lived
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in the Parish, he sent for Mrs. *Williams*, and desired she would examine *Little Two-Shoes*, and see whether she was qualified for the Office. — This was done, and Mrs. *Williams* made the following Report in her Favour, namely, *that Little Margery was the best Scholar, and had the best Head, and the best Heart, of any one she had examined.* All the Country had a great Opinion of Mrs. *Williams*, and this Character gave them also a great Opinion of Mrs. *Margery*; for so we must now call her.

This Mrs. *Margery* thought the happiest Period of her Life; but more Happiness was in Store for her. God Almighty heaps up Blessings for all those who love him, and though for a Time he may suffer them to be poor and distressed, and hide his good Purposes from human Sight, yet in the

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the End they are generally crowned with Happiness here, and no one can doubt of their being so hereafter.

On this Occasion the following Hymn, or rather a Translation of the Twenty-third Psalm, is said to have been written, and was soon after published in the *Spectator*.

I.

The Lord my Pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a Shepherd's Care:
His Presence shall my Wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful Eye;
My Noon-day Walks he shall attend,
And all my Midnight Hours defend.

II.

When in the sultry Glebe I faint,
Or on the thirsty Mountain pant;
To fertile Vales and dewy Meads,
My weary wandering Steps he leads;
Where peaceful Rivers, soft and slow,
Amid the verdant Landkip flow.

III. Tho'

Tho' in the Paths of Death I tread,
 With gloomy Horrors overspread,
 My stedfast Heart shall fear no Ill,
 For thou, O Lord, art with me still;
 Thy friendly Crook shall give me Aid,
 And guide me thro' the dreadful Shade.

Tho' in a bare and rugged Way,
 Thro' devious lonely Wilds I stray,
 Thy Bounty shall my Pains beguile:
 The barren Wilderness shall smile,
 With sudden Greens & herbage crown'd,
 And Streams shall murmur all around.

Here ends the History of *Little Two Shoes*. Those who would know how she behaved after she came to be Mrs. *Margery Two Shoes*, must read the Second Part of this Work, in which an Account of the Remainder of her Life, her Marriage, and Death are set forth at large, according to Act of Parliament.

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 OF

Mrs. MARGERY TWO-SHOES.

PART II.

INTRODUCTION.

IN the first Part of this Work, the young Student has read, and I hope with Pleasure and Improvement, the History of this Lady, while she was known and distinguished by the Name of *Little Two-Shoes*; we are now come to a Period of her Life when that Name was discarded, and a more eminent one bestowed upon her,

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I mean that of Mrs. *Margery Two-Shoes*: For as she was now President of the A, B, C College, it became necessary to exalt her in Title as well as in Place.

No sooner was she settled in this Office, but she laid every possible Scheme to promote the Welfare and Happiness of all her Neighbours, and especially of her Little Ones, in whom she took great Delight, and all those whose Parents could not afford to pay for their Education, she taught for nothing, but the Pleasure she had in their Company, for you are to observe, that they were very good, or were soon made so by her good Management.

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Of her School, her Ussers, or Assistants, and her Manner of Teaching.

WE have already informed the Reader, that the School where she taught, was that which was before kept by Mrs. *Williams*, whose Character you may find in my *New Year's Gift*. The Room was large, and as she knew, that Nature intended Children should be always in Action, she placed her different Letters, or Alphabets, all round the School, so that every one was obliged to get up to fetch a Letter, or to spell a Word, when it came to their Turn; which not only kept them in Health, but fixed the Letters and Points firmly in their Minds.

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She had the following Assistants or Ushers to help her, and I will tell you how she came by them. Mrs. *Margery*, you must know, was very humane and compassionate; and her Tenderneſs extended not only to all Mankind, but even to all Animals that were not noxious; as your's ought to do, if you would be happy here, and go to Heaven hereafter. These are GOD Almighty's Creatures as well as we. He made both them and us; and for wise Purposes, best known to himself, placed them in this World to live among us; so that they are our Fellow Tenants of the Globe. How then can People dare to torture and wantonly destroy GOD Almighty's Creatures? They as well as you are capable of feeling Pain, and of receiving Pleasure, and how can you, who want to be made hap-
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py yourself, delight in making your fellow creatures miserable? Do you think the poor Birds, whose Nest and young ones that wicked Boy *Dick Wilson* ran away with Yesterday, do not feel as much Pain as your Father and Mother would have felt, had any one pulled down their House, and ran away with you? To be sure they do. Mrs. *Two-Shoes* used to speak of those Things, and of naughty Boys throwing at Cocks, torturing Flies, and whipping Horses and Dogs, with Tears in her Eyes, and would never suffer any one to come to her School who did so.

One Day, as she was going through the next Village, she met with some wicked Boys, who had got a young Raven, which they were going to throw at, she wanted to get the poor Creature out of their cruel Hands,

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and therefore gave them a Penny for
him, and brought him home. She
called his Name *Ralph*, and a fine
Bird he is. Do look at him.



and remember what *Solomon* says, *The*
Eye that despiseth his Father, and re-
gardeth not the Distress of his Mother, the
Ravens of the Valley shall peck it out, and
the young Eagles eat it. Now this Bird
she taught to speak, to spell and to read;
and as he was particularly fond of play-
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ing with the large Letters, the Children
used to call this *Ralph's Alphabet.*

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.

He always sat at her Elbow, as you
see in the first Picture, and when any
of the Children were wrong, she used
to call out, *Put them right Ralph.*

Some Days after she had met with
the Raven, as she was walking in the
Fields, she saw some naughty Boys,
who had taken a Pidgeon, and tied a
String to its Leg, in order to let it
fly, and draw it back again when
they pleased; and by this Means they
tortured the poor Animal with the
Hopes of Liberty and repeated Dis-
appointment. This Pidgeon she also
bought, and taught him how to spell
and read, though not to talk, and
he performed all those extraordina-

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 ry Things which are recorded of
 the famous Bird, that was some Time
 since advertised in the *Haymarket*,
 and visited by most of the great Peo-
 ple in the Kingdom. This Pidgeon
 was a very pretty Fellow, and she
 called him *Tom*. See here is.



And as the Raven *Ralph* was fond of
 the large Letters, *Tom* the Pidgeon
 took Care of the small ones, of which
 he composed this Alphabet.

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a b c d e f g h i j k l m
 n o p q r s t u v w x y z.

The Neighbours knowing that
Mrs. Two-Shoes was very good, as
 to be sure nobody was better, made
 her a present of a little Sky-lark,
 and a fine Bird he is.



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Now as many People, even at that Time had learned to lie in Bed long in the Morning, she thought the Lark might be of Use to her and her Pupils, and tell them when to get up.

For he that is fond of his Bed, and lays 'till Noon, lives but half his Days, the rest being lost in Sleep, which is a Kind of Death.

Some Time after this, a poor Lamb had lost its Dam, and the Farmer being about to kill it, she bought it of him, and brought it home with her to play with the Children, and teach them when to go to Bed; for it was a Rule with the wise Men of that Age (and a very good one, let me tell you) to

Rise

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Rise with the Lark, and lie down with the Lamb.

This Lamb she called *Will*, and a pretty Fellow he is; do look at him.



No sooner was *Tippy* the Lark and *Will* the Ba-lamb brought into the School, but that sensible Rogue *Ralph*, the Raven, composed the follow-

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following Verse, which every little
good Boy and Girl should get by
Heart.

*Early to Bed, and early to rise,
Is the Way to be healthy, and wealthy,
and wise.*

A fly Rogue; but it is true enough;
for those who do not go to Bed early
cannot rise early; and those who do
not rise early cannot do much Busi-
ness. Pray, let this be told at the
Court, and to People who have Routs
and Rackets.

Soon after this, a Present was made
to Mrs. Margery of little Dog *Jumper*,
and a pretty Dog he is. Pray, look
at him.

Jumper,

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Jumper, Jumper, Jumper! He is al-
ways in a good Humour, and play-
ing and jumping about, and there-
fore he was called *Jumper*. The Place
assigned for *Jumper* was that of keep-
ing the Door, so that he may be call-
ed the Porter of the College, for he
would let nobody go out, or any one
come in, without the Leave of his Mi-
stres. See how he sits, a saucy Rogue.

Billy

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Billy the Ba-lamb was a chearful Fellow, and all the Children were fond of him, wherefore Mrs. *Two-Shoes* made it a Rule, that those who behaved best should have *Will* home with them at Night to carry their Satchel or Basket at his Back, and bring it in the Morning. See what a fine Fellow he is, and how he trudges along.

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A Scene of Distress in the School.

IT happened one Day, when Mrs. *Two-Shoes* was diverting the Children after Dinner, as she usually did with some innocent Games, or entertaining and instructive Stories, that a Man arrived with the melancholy News of *Sally Jones's* Father being
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thrown from his Horse, and thought past all Recovery; nay, the Messenger said, that he was seemingly dying when he came away. Poor *Sally* was greatly distressed, as indeed were all the School, for she dearly loved her Father, and Mrs. *Two-Shoes*, and all the Children dearly loved her. It is generally said, that we never know the real Value of our Parents or Friends till we have lost them; but poor *Sally* felt this by Affection, and her Mistress knew it by Experience. All the School were in Tears, and the messenger was obliged to return; but before he went, Mrs. *Two-Shoes*, unknown to the Children, ordered *Tom Pidgeon* to go home with the Man, and bring a Letter to inform her how Mr. *Jones* did. They set out together,
and

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and the Pidgeon rode on the Man's
Head, (as you see here) for



the Man was able to carry the Pidgeon, though the Pidgeon was not able to carry the Man, if he had, they would have been there much sooner, for *Tom* Pidgeon was *very* good, and never staid on an Errand.

Soon after the Man was gone, the Pidgeon

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Fidgeon was lost, and the Concern
the Children were under for Mr.
Jones and little *Sally* was in some
Measure diverted, and Part of their
Attention turned after *Tom*, who was
a great Favourite, and consequently
much bewailed. *Mrs. Margery*, who
knew the great Use and Necessity of
teaching Children to submit cheer-
fully to the Will of Providence, bid
them wipe away their Tears, and
then kissing *Sally*, you must be a good
Girl, says she, and depend upon God
Almighty for his Blessing and Pro-
tection; for *he is a Father to the Fa-
therless, and defendeth all those who put
their Trust in him.* She then told
them a Story, which I shall relate in
as few Words as possible.

*The History of Mr. Lovewell, Father
to Lady Lucy.*

Mr. *Lovewell* was born at *Bath*, and apprenticed to a laborious Trade in *London*, which being too hard for him, he parted with his Master by Consent, and hired himself as a common Servant to a Merchant in the City. Here he spent his leisure Hours, not as Servants too frequently do, in Drinking and Schemes of Pleasure, but in improving his Mind; and among other Acquirements, he made himself a complete Master of Accompts. His Sobriety, Honesty, and the Regard he paid to his Master's Interest, greatly recommended him in the whole Family, and he had several Offices of Trust committed to his Charge, in which he

acquainted

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acquitted himself so well, that the Merchant removed him from the Stable into the Counting-house.

Here he soon made himself Master of the Business, and became so useful to the Merchant, that in regard to his faithful Services, and the Affection he had for him, he married him to his own Niece, a prudent agreeable young Lady; and gave him a Share in the Business. See what Honesty and Industry will do for us. Half the great Men in *London*, I am told, have made themselves by this Means; and who would but be honest and industrious, when it is so much our Interest and our Duty.

After some Years the Merchant died, and left Mr. *Lovewell* possessed of many fine Ships at Sea, and much Money, and he was happy in a Wife, who had brought him a Son and two

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Daughters, all dutiful and obedient.
The Treasures and good Things,
however, of this Life are so uncertain,
that a Man can never be happy,
unless he lays the Foundation for
it in his own Mind. So true is that
Copy in our Writing Books, which
tells us, that *a contented Mind is a continual Feast.*

After some Years successful Trade,
he thought his Circumstances sufficient
to insure his own Ships, or, in
other Words, to send his Ships and
Goods to Sea without being insured
by others, as is customary among
Merchants; when, unfortunately for
him, four of them richly laden were
lost at Sea. This he supported with
becoming Resolution; but the next
Mail brought him Advice, that nine
others were taken by the *French*, with
whom we were then at War; and this,

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together with the Failure of three foreign
Merchants whom he had trusted,
completed his Ruin. He was then
obliged to call his Creditors together,
who took his Effects, and being
angry with him for the imprudent
Step of not insuring his Ships,
left him destitute of all Subsistence.
Nor did the Flatterers of his Fortune,
those who had lived by his Bounty
when in his Prosperity, pay the least
Regard either to him or his Family.
So true is another Copy, that you will
find in your Writing Book, which
says, *Misfortune tries our Friends.* All
these Slights of his pretended Friends,
and the ill Usage of his Creditors,
both he and his Family bore with
Christian Fortitude; but other Calamities
fell upon him, which he felt
more sensibly.

In this Distress, one of his Relations,
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tions, who lived at *Florence*, offered to take his Son; and another, who lived at *Barbadoes*, sent for one of his Daughters. The Ship which his Son sailed in was cast away, and all the Crew supposed to be lost; and the Ship, in which his Daughter went a Passenger, was taken by Pyrates, and one Post brought the miserable Father an Account of the Loss of his two Children. This was the severest Stroke of all: It made him completely wretched, and he knew it must have a dreadful Effect on his Wife and Daughter; he therefore endeavoured to conceal it from them. But the perpetual Anxiety he was in, together with the Loss of his Appetite and Want of Rest, soon alarmed his Wife. She found something was labouring in his Breast, which was concealed from her; and one Night being

disturbed

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disturbed in a Dream, with what was ever in his Thoughts, and calling out upon his dear Children; she awoke him, and insisted upon knowing the Cause of his Inquietude. *Nothing, my Dear, nothing,* says he, *The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord.* This was sufficient to alarm the poor Woman; she lay till his Spirits were composed, and as she thought asleep, then stealing out of Bed, got the Keys and opened his Bureau, where she found the fatal Account. In the Height of her Distractions, she flew to her Daughter's Room, and waking her with her Shrieks, put the Letters into her Hands. The young Lady, unable to support this Load of Misery, fell into a Fit, from which it was thought she never could have been recovered.

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However, at last she revived; but the Shock was so great, that it entirely deprived her of her Speech.

Thus loaded with Misery, and unable to bear the Sights and Disdain of those who had formerly professed themselves Friends, this unhappy Family retired into a Country, where they were unknown, in order to hide themselves from the World; when, to support their Independency, the Father laboured as well as he could at Husbandry, and the Mother and Daughter sometimes got spinning and knitting Work, to help to furnish the Means of Subsistence; which however was so precarious and uncertain, that they often, for many Weeks together, lived on nothing but Cabbage and Bread boiled in Water. But God never forsaketh the Righteous, nor suffereth those to

perish

perish who put their Trust in him. At this Time a Lady, who was just come to England, sent to take a pleasant Seat ready furnished in that Neighbourhood, and the Person who was employed for the Purpose, was ordered to deliver a Bank Note of an hundred Pounds to Mr. *Love-well*, another hundred to his Wife, and fifty to the Daughter, desiring them to take possession of the House, and get it well aired against she came down, which would be in two or three Days at most. This, to People who were almost starving, was a sweet and seasonable Relief, and they were all solicitous to know their Benefactress, but of that the Messenger himself was too ignorant to inform them. However, she came down sooner than was expected, and with Tears embraced them again and again:

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 gain : After which she told the Fa-
 ther and Mother she had heard from
 their Daughter, who was her Ac-
 quaintance, and that she was well,
 and on her Return to England. This
 was the agreeable Subject of their
 Conversation, till after Dinner, when
 drinking their Healths, she again
 with Tears saluted them, and falling
 upon her Knees asked their Blessings.



'Tis impossible to express the mutual
 Joy

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 Joy which this occasioned. Their
 Conversation was made up of the
 most endearing Expressions, inter-
 mingled with Tears and Caresses.
 Their Torrent of Joy, however, was
 for a Moment interrupted, by a
 Chariot which stopped at the Gate,
 and which brought as they thought
 a very unseasonable Visitor, and
 therefore she sent to be excused from
 seeing Company.



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But this had no Effect, for a Gentleman richly dressed jumped out of the Chariot, and pursuing the Servant into the Parlour, saluted them round, who were all astonished at his Behaviour. But when the Tears trickled from his Cheeks, the Daughter, who had been some Years dumb, immediately cried out, *my Brother! my Brother!* and from that Instant recovered her Speech. The mutual Joy which this occasioned, is better felt than expressed. Those who have proper Sentiments of Humanity, Gratitude, and filial Piety, will rejoice at the Event, and those who have a proper Idea of the Goodness of God, and his gracious Providence, will from this, as well as other Instances of his Goodness and Mercy, glorify his holy Name, and magnify his Wisdom and Power, who is a
Shield

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Shield to the Righteous, and defendeth all those who put their Trust in him.

As you, my dear Children, may be solicitous to know how this happy Event was brought about, I must inform you, that Mr. *Lovewell's* Son, when the Ship foundered, had with some others got into the long Boat, and was taken up by a Ship at Sea, and carried to the East Indies, where in a little Time he made a large Fortune; and the Pirates, who took his Daughter, attempted to rob her of her Chastity; but finding her Inflexible, and determined to die rather than to submit, some of them behaved to her in a very cruel Manner; but others, who had more Honour and Generosity, became her Defendants; upon which a Quarrel arose between them, and the Captain, who was the worst
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of the Gang, being killed, the rest of
the Crew carried the Ship into a
Port of the *Manilla* Islands, belonging
to the *Spaniards*; where, when her
Story was known, she was treated
with great Respect, and courted by
a young Gentleman, who was taken
ill of a Fever, and died before the
Marriage was agreed on, but left her
his whole Fortune.

You see, my dear *Sally*, how wonderfully these People were preserved, and made happy after such extreme Distress; we are therefore never to despair, even under the greatest Misfortunes, for God Almighty is All-powerful, and can deliver us at any Time. Remember *Job*, but I think you have not read so far, take the Bible, *Billy Jones*, and read the History of that good and patient Man. At this Instant something was heard

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to flap at the Window, *Woo, woo,*
Woo, says Jumper, and attempted
to leap up and open the Door, at
which the Children were surprized;
but Mrs. *Margery* knowing what it
was, opened the Casement, as *Noah*
did the Window of the Ark, and
drew in *Tom Pidgeon* with a Letter,
and see here he is.



As soon as he was placed on the
Table, he walked up to little *Sally*,
and

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and dropping the Letter, cried *Co,*
Co, Co, as much as to say, *there read*
it. Now this poor Pidgeon had travelled fifty Miles in about an Hour, to bring *Sally* this Letter, and who would destroy such pretty Creatures,
—— But let us read the Letter.

My dear Sally,

God Almighty has been very merciful, and restored your Pappa to us again, who is now so well as to be able to sit up. I hear you are a good Girl, my Dear, and I hope you will never forget to praise the Lord for this his great Goodness and Mercy to us——What a sad Thing it would have been if your Father had died, and left both you and me, and little *Tommy* in Distress, and without a Friend: Your Father sends his Blessing

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sing with mine.—Be good, my dear Child, and God Almighty will also bless you, whose Blessing is above all Things.

I am, my Dear Sally,

Your ever affectionate Mother,

MARTHA JONES.

CHAP. III.

Of the amazing Sagacity and Instinct of a little Dog.

SOON after this, a dreadful Accident happened in the School. It was on a *Thursday* Morning, I very well remember, when the Children having learned their Lessons soon, she had given them Leave to play,

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play, and they were all running about the School, and diverting themselves with the Birds and the Lamb; at this Time the Dog, all of a sudden, laid hold of his Mistress's Apron, and endeavoured to pull her out of the School. She was at first surprized, however, she followed him to see what he intended. No sooner had he led her into the Garden, but he ran back, and pulled out one of the Children in the same Manner; upon which she ordered them all to leave the School immediately, and they had not been out five Minutes, before the Top of the House fell in. What a miraculous Deliverance was here! How gracious! How good was God Almighty, to save all these Children from Destruction, and to make Use of such an Instrument, as a little sagacious Animal, to accomplish
his

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his Divine Will. I should have observed, that as soon as they were all in the Garden, the Dog came leaping round them to express his Joy, and when the House was fallen, laid himself down quietly by his Mistress.

Some of the Neighbours, who saw the School fall, and who were in great Pain for *Margery* and the little ones, soon spread the News through the Village, and all the Parents, terrified for their Children, came crowding in Abundance; they had, however, the Satisfaction to find them all safe, and upon their Knees, with their Mistress, giving God thanks for their happy Deliverance.

ADVICE from the MAN in the MOON.

Jumper, Jumper, Jumper, what a pretty Dog he is, and how sensible?

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Had Mankind half the Sagacity of
Jumper, they would guard against Ac-
cidents of this Sort, by having a pub-
lic Survey, occasionally made of all
the Houses in every Parish (especially
of those, which are old and decayed)
and not suffer them to remain in a
crazy State, 'till they fall down on
the Heads of the poor Inhabitants,
and crush them to Death. Why, it
was but Yesterday, that a whole
House fell down in *Grace-church-street*,
and another in *Queen-street*, and an
hundred more are to tumble, before
this Time twelve Months; so Friends
take Care of yourselves, and tell the
Legislature, they ought to take Care
for you. How can you be so careless?
Most of your Evils arise from Care-
lessness and Extravagance, and yet you
excuse yourselves, and lay the Fault
upon

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upon Fortune. Fortune is a Fool,
and you are a Blockhead, if you put
in in her Power to play Tricks with
you.

Yours,

The MAN in the MOON.

You are not to wonder, my dear
Reader, that this little Dog should
have more Sense than you, or your
Father, or your Grandfather.

Though God Almighty has made
Man the Lord of the Creation, and
endowed him with Reason, yet in
many Respects, he has been altoge-
ther as bountiful to other Creatures
of his forming. Some of the Senses
of other Animals are more acute
than ours, as we find by daily Expe-
rience. You know this little Bird,

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sweet



Sweet Jug, Jug, Jug, 'tis a Nightingale. This little Creature, after she has entertained us with her Songs all the Spring, and bred up her little ones, flies into a foreign Country, and finds her Way over the Great Sea, without any of the Instruments and Helps which Men are obliged to make Use of for that Purpose. Was you as wise as the Nightingale,

you

you might make all the Sailors happy, and have twenty thousand Pounds for teaching them the Longitude.

You would not think *Ralph* the Raven half so wise and so good as he is, though you see him here reading his Book. Yet when the Prophet *Elijah*, was obliged to fly from *Ahab* King of *Israel*, and hide himself in a Cave, the Ravens, at the Command of God Almighty, fed him every Day, and preserved his Life.

And the Word of the Lord came unto Elijah, saying, Hide thyself by the Brook Cherith, that is before Jordan, and I have commanded the Ravens to feed thee there. And the Ravens brought him Bread and Flesh in the Morning, and Bread and Flesh in the Evening, and he drank of the Brook, Kings, B. 1. C. 17.

And the pretty Pidgeon when the

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World was drowned, and he was
confined with *Noah* in the Ark, was
sent forth by him to see whether the
Waters were abated. *And he sent*
forth a Dove from him, to see if the
Waters were abated from off the Face
of the Ground. And the Dove came in
to him in the Evening, and lo, in her
Mouth was an Olive Leaf plucked
off: So Noah knew that the Waters
were abated from off the Earth. Gen.
viii. 8, 11.

As these, and other Animals, are
so sensible and kind to us, we ought
to be tender and good to them, and
not beat them about, and kill them,
and take away their young ones, as
many wicked Boys do. Does not the
Horse and the Ass carry you and
your Burthens; don't the Ox plough
your Ground, the Cow give you
Milk, the Sheep cloath your Back,
the

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the Dog watch your House, the
Goose find you in Quils to write
with, the Hen bring Eggs for your
Custards and Puddings, and the Cock
call you up in the Morning, when
you are lazy, and like to hurt your-
selves by laying too long in Bed? If
so, how can you be so cruel to them,
and abuse God Almighty's good
Creatures? Go, naughty Boy, go;
be sorry for what you have done, and
do so no more, that God Almighty
may forgive you. *Amen*, say I, again
and again. God will bless you, but
not unless you are merciful and good.

The downfall of the School, was a
great Misfortune to *Mrs. Margery*;
for she not only lost all her Books,
but was destitute of a Place to teach
in; but Sir *William Dove*, being in-
formed of this, ordered the House to
be built at his own Expence, and
till

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till that could be done, Farmer *Grove*
was so kind, as to let her have his
large Hall to teach in.

The House built by Sir *William*,
had a Statue erected over the Door, of
a Boy sliding on the Ice, and under it
were these Lines, written by Mrs.
Two-Shoes, and engraved at her Ex-
pence.



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On SIN. A SIMILE.

As a poor Urchin on the Ice,
When he has tumbld once or twice,
With cautious Step, and trembling
goes,

The drop still pendant on his Nose,
And trudges on to seek the Shore,
Resolv'd to trust the Ice no more :
But meeting with a daring Mate,
Who often us'd to slide and scate,
Again is into Danger led,
And falls again, and breaks his Head.

So Youth when first they're drawn
to sin,

And see the Danger they are in.
Would gladly quit the thorny Way,
And think it is unsafe to stay ;
But meeting with their wicked Train,
Return with them to sin again ;
With them the Paths of Vice explore ;
With them are ruin'd ever more.

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*What happened at Farmer Grove's;
and how she gratified him for the Use
of his Room.*

W H I L E at Mr. Grove's, which was in the Heart of the Village, she not only taught the Children in the Day Time, but the Farmer's Servants, and all the Neighbours, to read and write in the Evening; and it was a constant Practice before they went away, to make them all go to Prayers and sing Psalms. By this Means, the People grew extremely regular, his Servants were always at Home, instead of being at the Ale-house, and he had more Work done than ever. This gave

gave not only Mr. Grove, but all the Neighbours, an high Opinion of her good Sense and prudent Behaviour: And she was so much esteemed, that most of the Differences in the Parish were left to her Decision; and if a Man and Wife quarrelled (which sometimes happened in that Part of the Kingdom) both Parties certainly come to her for Advice. Every Body knows, that *Mariba Wilson* was a passionate scolding Jade, and that *John* her Husband, was a surly ill tempered Fellow. These were one Day brought by the Neighbours for *Margery* to talk to them, when they fairly quarrelled before her, and were going to Blows; but she stepping between them, thus addressed the Husband; *John*, says she, you are a Man, and ought to have more Sense than to fly in

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in a Passion, at every Word that is
said amiss by your Wife; and *Mar-*
tha, says she, you ought to know
your Duty better, than to say any
Thing to aggravate your Husband's
Resentment. These frequent Quar-
rels, arise from the Indulgence of
your violent Passions; for I know
you both love one another, notwith-
standing what has passed between
you. Now, pray tell me *John*, and
tell me *Martha*, when you have had
a Quarrel over Night, are you
not both sorry for it the next Day?
They both declared that they were.
Why then, says she, I'll tell you how
to prevent this for the future, if you
will both promise to take my Advice.
They both promised her. You know,
says she, that a small Spark will set
Fire to Tinder, and that Tinder
properly

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properly placed will fire a House;
an angry Word is with you as that
Spark, for you are both as touchy
as Tinder, and very often make your
own House too hot to hold you. To
prevent this, therefore, and to live
happily for the future, you must so-
lemnly agree, that if one speaks an
angry Word, the other will not an-
swer, 'till he or she has distinctly call-
ed over all the Letters in the Alpha-
bet, and the other not reply, 'till he
has told twenty; by this Means your
Passions will be stifled, and Reason
will have Time to take the Rule.

This is the best Recipe that was
ever given for a married Couple to live
in Peace: Though *John* and his Wife
frequently attempted to quarrel af-
terwards, they never could get their
Passions to any considerable Height,
for

for there was something so droll in thus carrying on the Dispute, that before they got to the End of the Argument, they saw the Absurdity of it, laughed, kissed, and were Friends.

Just as Mrs. *Margery* had settled this Difference between *John* and his Wife, the Children (who had been sent out to play, while that Business was transacting) returned some in Tears, and others very disconsolate for the Loss of a little Dormouse they were very fond of, and which was just dead. Mrs. *Margery*, who had the Art of moralizing and drawing Instructions from every Accident, took this Opportunity of reading them a Lecture on the Uncertainty of Life, and the Necessity of being always prepared for Death. You should

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get up in the Morning, says she, and so conduct yourselves, as if that Day was to be your last, and lie down at Night, as if you never expected to see this World any more. This may be done, says she, without abating of your Chearfulness, for you are not to consider Death as an Evil, but as a Convenience, as an useful Pilot, who is to convey you to a Place of greater Happiness: Therefore, play my dear Children, and be merry; but be innocent and good. The good Man sets Death at Defiance, for his Darts are only dreadful to the Wicked.

After this, she permitted the Children to bury the little Dormouse, and desired one of them to write his Epitaph, and here it is.

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Epitaph

*Epitaph on a DORMOUSE, really
written by a little Boy.*

I.

In Paper Case,
Hard by this Place,
Dead a poor Dormouse lies;
And soon or late,
Summon'd by Fate,
Each Prince, each Monarch dies.

II.

Ye Sons of Verse,
While I rehearse,
Attend instructive Rhyme;
No Sins had *Dor*,
To answer for,
Repent of yours in Time.

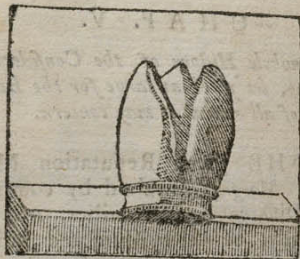
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*The whole History of the Considering
Cap, set forth at large for the Bene-
fit of all whom it may concern.*

THE great Reputation Mrs.
Margery acquired by compos-
ing Differences in Families, and e-
specially, between Man and Wife,
induced her to cultivate that Part of
her System of Morality and Econo-
my, in order to render it more exten-
sively useful. For this Purpose, she
contrived what she called a Charm
for the Passions; which was a Con-
sidering Cap, almost as large as a
Grenadier's, but of three equal Sides;
on the first of which was written, I
MAY BE WRONG; on the second, IT
IS FIFTY TO ONE BUT YOU ARE:
and

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and on the third, I'LL CONSIDER OF IT. The other Parts on the Out-side, were filled with odd Characters, as unintelligible as the Writings of the old *Egyptians*; but within Side there was a Direction for its Use, of the utmost Consequence; for it strictly enjoined the Possessor to put on the Cap, whenever he found his Passions begin to grow turbulent, and not to deliver

deliver a Word whilst it was on, but with great Coolness and Moderation. As this Cap was an universal Cure for Wrong-headedness, and prevented numberless Disputes and Quarrels, it greatly hurt the Trade of the poor Lawyers, but was of the utmost Service to the rest of the Community. They were bought by Husbands and Wives, who had themselves frequent Occasion for them, and sometimes lent them to their Children: They were also purchased in large Quantities by Masters and Servants; by young Folks, who were intent on Matrimony, by Judges, Jurymen, and even Physicians and Divines; nay, if we may believe History, the Legislators of the Land did not disdain the Use of them; and we are told, that when any important Debate arose, *Cap, was the Word*, and each

each House looked like a grand Synod of *Egyptian* Priests. Nor was this Cap of less Use to Partners in Trade, for with these, as well as with Husband and Wife, if one was out of Humour, the other threw him the Cap, and he was obliged to put it on, and keep it till all was quiet. I myself saw thirteen Caps worn at a Time in one Family, which could not have subsisted an Hour without them; and I was particularly pleased at Sir *Humphry Hufsum's*, to hear a little Girl, when her Father was out of Humour, ask her Mamma, *if she should reach down the Cap?* These Caps, indeed, were of such Utility, that People of Sense never went without them; and it was common in the Country, when a Booby made his Appearance, and talked Nonsense, to say, *he had no Cap in his Pocket.*

Advice



Advice from FRIAR BACON.

What was *Fortunatus's* Wishing Cap, when compared to this? That Cap is said to have conveyed People instantly from one Place to another; but, as the Change of Place does not change the Temper and Disposition of the Mind, little Benefit can be expected from it; nor indeed is much

to be hoped from his famous Purse: That Purse, it is said, was never empty, and such a Purse, may be sometimes convenient; but as Money will not purchase Peace, it is not necessary for a Man to encumber himself with a great deal of it. Peace and Happiness depend so much upon the State of a Man's own Mind, and upon the Use of the considering Cap, that it is generally his own Fault, if he is miserable. One of these Caps will last a Man his whole Life, and is a Discovery of much greater Importance to the Public than the Philosopher's Stone. Remember what was said by my Brazen Head, *Time is, Time was, Time is past*: Now the *Time is*, therefore buy the Cap immediately, and make a proper Use of it, and be happy before the *Time is past*.

Yours, ROGER BACON.
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C H A P. VI.

How Mrs. MARGERY was taken up for a Witch, and what happened on that Occasion.

AND so it is true? And they have taken up Mrs. Margery then, and accused her of being a Witch, only because she was wiser than some of her Neighbours! Mercy upon me! People stuff Children's Heads with Stories of Ghosts, Faries, Witches, and such Nonsense when they are young, and so they continue Fools all their Days. The whole World ought to be made acquainted with her Case, and here it is at their Service.

The Case of Mrs. MARGERY.

Mrs. Margery, as we have frequently observed, was always doing Good,
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and thought she could never sufficiently gratify those who had done any Thing to serve her. These generous Sentiments naturally led her to consult the Interest of Mr. Grove, and the rest of her Neighbours; and as most of their Lands were Meadow, and they depended much on their Hay, which had been for many Years greatly damaged by wet Weather, she contrived an Instrument to direct them when to mow their Grass with Safety, and prevent their Hay being spoiled. They all came to her for Advice, and by that Means got in their Hay without Damage, while most of that in the neighbouring Villages was spoiled.

This made a great Noise in the Country, and so provoked were the People in the other Parishes, that they accused her of being a Witch, and

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sent Gaffer Geosecap, a busy Fellow in other People's Concerns, to find out Evidence against her. This Wif-acre happened to come to her School, when she was walking about with the Raven on one Shoulder, the Pigeon on the other, the Lark on her Hand, and the Lamb and the Dog by her Side; which indeed made a droll Figure, and so surprized the Man, that he cried out,



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a Witch! a Witch! upon this she
laughing, answered, a Conjuror! a
Conjuror! and so they parted; but it
did not end thus, for a Warrant was
issued out against Mrs. *Margery*. and
she was carried to a Meeting of the
Justices, whither all the Neighbours
followed her.

At the Meeting, one of the Justices, who knew little of Life, and less of the Law, behaved very idly; and though no Body was able to prove any Thing against her, asked, who she could bring to her Character? *Who* can you bring against my Character, Sir? says she. There are People enough who would appear in my Defence, were it necessary; but I never supposed that any one here could be so weak, as to believe there was any such Thing as a Witch. If I am a Witch, this is my Charm,

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Charm, and (laying a Barometer or Weather Glass on the Table) it is with this, says she, that I have taught my Neighbours to know the State of the Weather. All the Company laughed, and Sir *William Dove*, who was on the Bench, asked her Accusers, how they could be such Fools, as to think there was any such Thing as a Witch. It is true, continued he, many innocent and worthy People have been abused and even murdered on this absurd and foolish Supposition; which is a Scandal to our Religion, to our Laws, to our Nation, and to common Sense; but I will tell you a Story.

There was in the West of *England* a poor industrious Woman, who laboured under the same evil Report, which this good Woman is accused of. Every Hog that died with the Murrain,

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Murrain, every Cow that slipt her
Calf, she was accountable for: If a
Horse had the Staggers, she was sup-
posed to be in his Head; and when-
ever the Wind blew a little harder
than ordinary, *Goody Giles* was play-
ing her Tricks, and riding upon a
Broomstick in the Air. These, and
a thousand other Phantasies, too ri-
diculous to recite, possessed the Pates
of the common People: Horse-shoes
were nailed with the Heels upwards,
and many Tricks made Use of, to
mortify the poor Creature; and such
was their Rage against her, that they
petitioned Mr. *Williams*, the Parson
of the Parish, not to let her come to
Church; and, at last, even insisted
upon it: But this he over-ruled, and
allowed the poor old Woman a Nook
in one of the Isles to herself, where
she muttered over her Prayers in the
best

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best Manner she could. The Parish,
thus disconcerted and enraged, with-
drew the small Pittance they allowed
for her Support, and would have re-
duced her to the Necessity of starv-
ing, had she not been still assisted by
the benevolent Mr. *Williams*.

But I hasten to the Sequel of my
Story, in which you will find, that
the true Source from whence Witch-
craft springs is *Poverty, Age, and Ig-
norance*; and that it is impossible for a
Woman to pass for a Witch, unless
she is *very poor, very old*, and lives in a
Neighbourhood where the People are
void of common Sense.

Some Time after, a Brother of her's
died in *London*, who, though he would
not part with a Farthing while he
lived, at his Death was obliged to
leave her five thousand Pounds,
that he could not carry with him.
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— This altered the Face of *Jane's* Affairs prodigiously: She was no longer *Jane*, alias *Joan Giles*, the ugly old Witch, but *Madam Giles*; her old ragged Garb was exchanged for one that was new and genteel; her greatest Enemies made their Court to her, even the Justice himself came to wish her Joy; and though several Hogs and Horses died, and the Wind frequently blew afterwards, yet *Madam Giles* was never supposed to have a Hand in it; and from hence it is plain, as I observed before, that a Woman must be *very poor, very old*, and live in a Neighbourhood, where the people are *very stupid*, before she can possibly pass for a Witch.

'Twas a Saying of *Mr. Williams*, who would sometimes be jocose, and had the Art of making even Satire agree-

agreeable; that if ever *Jane* deserved the Character of a Witch, it was after this Money was left her; for that with her five thousand Pounds, she did more Acts of Charity and friendly Offices, than all the People of Fortune within fifty Miles of the Place.

After this, *Sir William* inveighed against the absurd and foolish Notions, which the Country People had imbibed concerning Witches, and Witchcraft, and having proved that there was no such Thing, but that all were the Effects of Folly and Ignorance, he gave the Court such an Account of *Mrs. Margery*, and her Virtue, good Sense, and prudent Behaviour, that the Gentlemen present were enamoured with her, and returned her public Thanks for the great Service she had done the Country.

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try. One Gentleman in particular,
I mean Sir *Charles Jones*, had con-
ceived such an high Opinion of her,
that he offered her a considerable Sum
to take the Care of his Family, and
the Education of his Daughter, which,
however, she refused; but this Gen-
tleman, sending for her afterwards
when he had a dangerous Fit of Ill-
ness, she went, and behaved so pru-
dently in the Family, and so tenderly
to him and his Daughter, that he
would not permit her to leave his
House, but soon after made her Pro-
posals of Marriage. She was truly
sensible of the Honour he intended
her, but, though poor, she would not
consent to be made a Lady, till he
had effectually provided for his
Daughter; for she told him, that
Power was a dangerous Thing to be
trusted with, and that a good Man

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or Woman would never throw them-
selves into the Road of Temptation.

All Things being settled, and the
Day fixed, the Neighbours came in
Crouds to see the Wedding; for they
were all glad, that one who had been
such a good little Girl, and was be-
come such a virtuous and good Wo-
man, was going to be made a Lady;
but just as the Clergyman had opened
his Book, a Gentleman richly dressed



ran into the Church, and cried, Stop! stop! This greatly alarmed the Congregation, particularly the intended Bride and Bridegroom, whom he first accosted, and desired to speak with them apart. After they had been talking some little Time, the People were greatly surprized to see Sir *Charles* stand Motionless, and his Bride cry, and faint away in the Stranger's Arms. This seeming Grief, however, was only a Prelude to a Flood of Joy, which immediately succeeded; for you must know, gentle Reader, that this Gentleman, so richly dressed and bedizened with Lace, was that identical little Boy, whom you before saw in the Sailor's Habit; in short, it was little *Tom Two-Shoes*, Mrs. *Margery's* Brother, who was just come from beyond Sea, where he had made a large Fortune,
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and hearing, as soon as he landed, of his Sister's intended Wedding, had rode Post, to see that a proper Settlement was made on her; which he thought she was now intitled to, as he himself was both able and willing to give her an ample Fortune. They soon returned to the Communion-Table, and were married in Tears, but they were Tears of Joy.

There is something wonderful in this young Gentleman's Preservation and Success in Life; which we shall acquaint the Reader of, in the History of his Life and Adventures, which will soon be published.

THE Harmony and Affection that subsisted between this happy Couple, is inexpressible; but Time, which dissolves the closest Union, after six Years, severed Sir *Charles* from his Lady; for being seized with a violent Fever he died, and left her full of Grief, tho' possessed of a large Fortune.

We forgot to remark, that after her Marriage, *Lady Jones* (for so we must now call her) ordered the Chapel to be fitted up, and allowed the Chaplain a considerable Sum out of her own private Purse, to visit the Sick, and say Prayers every Day to all the People that could attend.

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She also gave Mr. *Johnson* ten Guineas a Year, to preach a Sermon annually, on the Necessity and Duties of the marriage State; and on the Decease of Sir *Charles*, she gave him ten more, to preach yearly on the Subject of Death; she had put all the Parish into Mourning for the Loss of her Husband; and to those Men who attended this yearly Service, she gave Harvest Gloves, to their Wives Shoes and Stockings, and to all the Children little Books and Plumb-cakes: We must also observe, that she herself wove a Chaplet of Flowers, and before the Service, placed it on his Grave-stone; and a suitable Psalm was always sung by the Congregation.

About this Time, she heard that Mr. *Smith* was oppressed by Sir *Ti-*

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Timothy Gripe, the Justice, and his
Friend *Graspall*, who endeavoured to
deprive him of Part of his Tythes;
upon which she, in Conjunction with
her Brother, defended him, and the
Cause was tried in *Westminster-hall*,
where Mr. *Smith* gained a Verdict;
and it appearing that Sir *Timothy*
had behaved most scandalously, as a
Justice of the Peace, he was struck
off the List, and no longer permitted
to act in that Capacity. This was a
Cut to a Man of his imperious Dis-
position, and this was followed by one
yet more severe; for a Relation of his,
who had an undoubted Right to the
Mouldwell Estate, finding that it was
possible to get the better at Law of a
rich Man, laid Claim to it, brought his
Action, and recovered the whole Ma-
nor of *Mouldwell*; and being after-
wards

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wards inclined to sell it, he, in Con-
sideration of the Aid Lady *Margery*
had lent him during his Distress, made
her the first Offer, and she purchased
the Whole, and threw it into different
Farms, that the Poor might be no
longer under the Dominion of two
over-grown Men.

This was a great Mortification to
Sir *Timothy*, as well as to his Friend
Graspall, who from this Time expe-
rienced nothing but Misfortunes, and
was in a few Years so dispossessed of
his Ill-gotten Wealth, that his Family
were reduced to seek Subsistence from
the Parish, at which those who had
felt the Weight of his Iron Hand re-
joiced; but Lady *Margery* desired,
that his Children might be treated
with Care and Tenderneſs; for they,
ſays ſhe, are no Ways accountable for
the Actions of their Father.

At her first coming into Power, she took Care to gratify her old Friends, especially Mr. and Mrs. *Smith*, whose Family she made happy.— She paid great Regard to the Poor, made their Interest her own, and to induce them to come regularly to Church, she ordered a Loaf, or the Price of a Loaf, to be given to every one who would accept of it. This brought many of them to Church, who by Degrees learned their Duty, and then came on a more noble Principle. She also took Care to encourage Matrimony; and in order to induce her Tenants and Neighbours to enter into that happy State, she always gave the young Couple something towards House-keeping; and stood Godmother to all their Children, whom she had in Parties, every *Sunday Evening*, to teach them their Catechism, and

lecture

lecture them in Religion and Morality; after which she treated them with a Supper, gave them such Books as they wanted, and then dispatched them with her Blessing. Nor did she forget them at her Death, but left each a Legacy, as will be seen among other charitable Donations when we publish her Will, which we may do in some future Volume. There is one Request however so singular, that we cannot help taking some Notice of it in this Place; which is, that of her giving so many Acres of Land to be planted yearly with Potatoes, for all the Poor of any Parish who would come and fetch them for the Use of their Families; but if any took them to sell they were deprived of that Privilege ever after. And these Roots were planted and raised from the Rent arising from a Farm which she had assigned

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 assigned over for that Purpose. In
 short, she was a Mother to the Poor,
 a Physician to the Sick, and a Friend
 to all who were in Distress. Her Life
 was the greatest Blessing; and her
 Death the greatest Calamity that e-
 ver was felt in the Neighbourhood.
 A Monument, but without Inscrip-
 tion, was erected to her Memory in the
 Church-yard, over which the Poor as
 they pass weep continually, so that
 the Stone is ever bathed in Tears.

On this Occasion the following
 Lines were spoken extempore by a
 young Gentleman.

*How vain the Tears that fall from you,
 And here supply the Place of Dew?
 How vain to weep the happy Dead,
 Who now to heavenly Realms are fled?
 Repine no more, your Complaints forbear,
 And all prepare to meet them there.*

The END.

APPENDIX.

*The GOLDEN DREAM; or, the INGE-
 NUOUS CONFESSION.*



TO shew the Depravity of human Na-
 ture, and how apt the Mind is to be
 misled by Trinkets and false Appearances,
 Mrs. Two-Shoes does acknowledge, that
 after she became rich, she had like to have
 been too fond of Money; for on seeing her
 Husband receive a very large Sum, her
 Heart went pit pat, pit pat, all the Even-
 ing,

ing, and she began to think that *Guineas* were pretty Things. To suppress this Turbulence of Mind, which was a Symptom of approaching Avarice, she said her Prayers earlier than usual, and at Night had the following Dream; which I shall relate in her own Words.

"Methought, as I slept, a Genii stepped up to me with a *French* Commode, which having placed on my Head, he said, now go and be happy; for from henceforth every Thing you touch shall turn to Gold. Willing to try the Experiment, I gently touched the Bed-post and Furniture, which immediately became massy Gold burnished, and of surprizing Brightness. I then touched the Walls of the House, which assumed the same Appearance, and looked amazingly magnificent. Elated with this wonderful Gift, I rang hastily for my Maid, to carry the joyful News to her Master, who, as I thought, was then walking in the Garden. *Sukey* came, but in the Extacy I was in, happening to touch her Hand, she became instantly an immoveable Statue,

Go,

Go, said I, and call your Master; but she made no Reply, nor could she stir. Upon this I shrieked, and in came my dear Husband, whom I ran to embrace; when no sooner had I touched him, but he became good for nothing; that is good for nothing but his Weight in Gold; and that you know could be nothing, where Gold was so plenty. At this instant up came another Servant with a Glass of Water, thinking me ill; this I attempted to swallow, but no sooner did it touch my Mouth, than it became a hard solid Body, and unfit for drinking. My Distress now grew insupportable! I had destroyed, as I thought, my dear Husband, and my favourite Servant; and I plainly perceived, that I should die for Want in the midst of so much Wealth. Ah, said I, why did I long for Riches! Having enough already, why did I covet more? Thus terrified, I began to rave, and beat my Breast, which awaked *Sir Charles*, who kindly called me from this State of Inquietude, and composed my Mind."

This

This Scene I have often considered as a Lesson, instructing me, that a Load of Riches bring, instead of Felicity, a Load of Troubles; and that the only Source of Happiness is *Contentment*. Go, therefore, you who have too much, and give it to those who are in Want; so shall you be happy yourselves, by making others happy. This is a Precept from the Almighty, a Precept which must be regarded; for *The Lord is about your Paths, and about your Bed, and spieth out all your Ways.*

An Anecdote, respecting TOM TWO-SHOES, communicated by a Gentleman, who is now writing the History of his Life.

IT is generally known, that *Tom Two-Shoes* went to Sea, when he was a very little Boy, and very poor; and that he returned a very great Man, and very rich; but no one knows how he acquired so much Wealth but myself, and a few Friends,

Friends, who have perused the Papers from which I am compiling the History of his Life.

After *Tom* had been at Sea some Years, he was unfortunately cast away, on that Part of the Coast of *Africa* inhabited by the *Hottentots*. Here he met with a strange Book, which the *Hottentots* did not understand, and which gave him some Account of *Prefter John's* Country; and being a Lad of great Curiosity and Resolution, he determined to see it; accordingly he set out on the Pursuit, attended by a young Lion, which he had tamed, and made so fond of him, that he followed him like a Dog, and obeyed all his Commands; and indeed it was happy for him that he had such a Companion; for as his Road lay through large Woods and Forests, that were full of wild Beasts, and without Inhabitants, he must have been soon starved or torn in Pieces, had he not been both fed and protected by this noble Animal.

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Tom



Tom had provided himself with two Guns, a Sword, and as much Powder and Ball as he could carry; with these Arms, and such a Companion, it was mighty easy for him to get Food; for the Animals in these wild and extensive Forests, having never seen the Effects of a Gun, readily ran from the Lion, who hunted on one Side, to Tom, who hunted on the other, so that they were either caught by the Lion, or shot by his Master; and it was pleasant enough, after a hunting

hunting Match, and the Meat was dressed, to see how Cheek by Jowl they sat down to Dinner.



When they came into the Land of Utopia, he discovered the Statue of a Man erected on an open Plain, which had this Inscription on the Pedestal: *On May-day in the Morning, when the Sun rises, I shall have a Head of Gold.* As it was now the latter End of April, he stayed to see this wonderful Change; and in the mean time, enquiring

ing of a poor Shepherd what was the Reason of the Statue being erected there, and with that Inscription, he was informed, that it was set up many Years ago by an *Arabian* Philosopher, who travelled all the World over in Search of a real Friend; that he lived with, and was extremely fond of a great Man who inhabited the next Mountain; but that on some Occasion they quarrell'd, and the Philosopher, leaving the Mountain, retired into the Plain, where he erected this Statue with his own Hands, and soon after died. To this he added, that all the People for many Leagues round came there every *May* Morning, expecting to see the Stone-head turned to Gold.

Tom got up very early on the first of *May* to behold this amazing Change, and when he came near the Statue he saw a Number of People, who all ran away from him in the utmost Consternation, having never before seen a Lion follow a Man like a Lap-dog. Being thus left alone, he fixed his Eyes on the Sun, then rising with re-
splendent

splendent Majesty, and afterwards turned to the Statue, but could see no Change in the Stone.—Surely, says he to himself, there is some mystical Meaning in this! This Inscription must be an *Ænigma*, the hidden Meaning of which I will endeavour to find; for a Philosopher would never expect a Stone to be turned to Gold; accordingly he measured the Length of the Shadow, which the Statue gave on the Ground by the Sun shining on it, and marked that particular Part where the Head fell, then getting a *Chopness* (a Thing like a Spade) and digging, he discovered a Copper-chest, full of Gold, with this Inscription engraved on the Lid of it.

Thy Wit,

Oh Man! whoever thou art,
Hath disclosed the *Ænigma*,
And discover'd the GOLDEN HEAD.

Take it and use it,
But use it with WISDOM;

For know,
That GOLD, properly employ'd,

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May dispense Blessings,
 And promote the Happiness of Mortals;
 But when hoarded up,
 Or misapply'd,
 Is but Trash, that makes Mankind miserable.

Remember
 The unprofitable Servant,
 Who hid his *Talent* in a Napkin;
 And

The profligate Son,
 Who squander'd away his Substance, and
 fed with the Swine.

As thou hast got the *GOLDEN HEAD*,
 Observe the *Golden Mean*,
 Be *Good* and be happy.

This Lesson, coming as it were from
 the Dead, struck him with such Awe, and
 Reverence for Piety and Virtue, that, before
 he removed the Treasure, he kneeled down,
 and earnestly and fervently prayed that he
 might make a prudent, just and proper Use
 of it. He then conveyed the Chest away;
 but how he got it to *England*, the Reader
 will

will be informed in the History of his Life.
 It may not be improper, however, in this
 Place, to give the Reader some Account of
 the Philosopher who hid this Treasure,
 and took so much Pains to find a true and
 real Friend to enjoy it. As *Tom* had
 Reason to venerate his Memory, he was
 very particular in his Enquiry, and had this
 Character of him;—that he was a Man
 well acquainted with Nature and with
 Trade; that he was pious, friendly, and
 of a sweet and affable Disposition. That
 he had acquired a Fortune by Commerce,
 and having no Relations to leave it to, he
 travelled through *Arabia*, *Persia*, *India*,
Libia, and *Utopia*, in search of a real Friend.
 In this pursuit he found several, with whom
 he exchanged good Offices, and that were
 polite and obliging, but they often flew off
 for Trifles, or as soon as he pretended to
 be in Distress, and requested their As-
 sistance, left him to struggle with his own
 Difficulties. So true is that Copy in our
 Books, which says, *Adversity is the Touch-*
stone of Friendship. At last, however, he

met with the *Utopian* Philosopher, or the wise Man of the Mountain, as he is called, and thought in him he had found the Friend he wanted; for though he often pretended to be in Distress, and abandoned to the Frowns of Fortune, this Man always relieved him, and with such Chearfulness and Sincerity, that concluding he had found out the only Man to whom he ought to open both his Purse and his Heart, he let him so far into his Secrets, as to desire his Assistance in hiding a large Sum of Money, which he wanted to conceal, lest the Prince of the Country, who was absolute, should, by the Advice of his wicked Minister, put him to Death for his Gold. The two Philosophers met and hid the Money, which the Stranger, after some Days, went to see, but found it gone. How was he struck to the Heart, when he found that his Friend, whom he had often tried, and who had relieved him in his Distress, could not withstand this Temptation, but broke through the sacred Bonds of Friendship, and turned even
 a Thief

a Thief for Gold which he did not want, as he was already very rich. Oh! said he, what is the Heart of Man made of? Why am I condemned to live among People who have no Sincerity, and who barter the most sacred Ties of Friendship and Humanity for the Dirt that we tread on? Had I lost my Gold and found a real Friend, I should have been happy with the Exchange, but now I am most miserable. After some Time he wiped off his Tears, and being determined not to be so imposed on, he had Recourse to 'Cunning, and the Arts of Life. He went to his pretended Friend with a chearful Countenance, told him he had more Gold to hide, and desired him to appoint a Time when they might go together, and open the Earth to put it into the same Pot; the other, in Hopes of getting more Wealth, appointed the next Evening. They went together, opened the Ground, and found the Money they had first placed there, for the artful Wretch, he so much confided in, had conveyed it again into the Pot, in order to obtain more.

Our Philosopher immediately took the Gold, and putting it into his Pocket, told the other he had now altered his Mind, and should bury it no more, till he found a Man more worthy of his Confidence. See what People lose by being dishonest. This calls to my Mind the Words of the Poet :

*A Wit's a Feather, and a Chief's a Rod,
An honest Man's the noblest Work of God.*

Remember this Story, and take Care whom you trust; but don't be covetous, sordid and miserable; for the Gold we have is but lent us to do Good with. We received all from the Hand of God, and every Person in Distress hath a just Title to a Portion of it.

A LETTER

A LETTER from the PRINTER, which he desires may be inserted.

SIR,

I Have done with your Copy, so you may return it to the *Vatican*, if you please; and pray tell Mr. *Angelo* to brush up the Cuts, that, in the next Edition, they may give us a good Impression.

The Foresight and Sagacity of Mrs. *Margery's* Dog calls to my Mind a Circumstance, which happened when I was a Boy. Some Gentlemen in the Place where I lived had been hunting, and were got under a great Tree to shelter themselves from a Thunder Storm; when a Dog that always followed one of the Gentlemen leaped up at his Horse several Times, and then ran away and barked. At last, the Gentlemen all followed to see what he would be at; and they were no sooner gone from the Tree, but it was shivered in Pieces by Lightning! 'Tis remarkable, that as soon as they came from the Tree, the Dog appeared to be very well satisfied, and barked no more. The Gentleman after this always regarded the Dog as his Friend, treated him in his Old Age

Age with great Tenderness, and fed him with Milk as long as he lived.

My old Master *Grierfon* had also a Dog, that ought to be mentioned with Regard; for he used to set him up as a Pattern of Sagacity and Prudence, not only to his Journeymen, but to the whole Neighbours. This Dog had been taught a thousand Tricks, and among other Feats he could dance, tumble, and drink Wine and Punch till he was little better than mad. It happened one Day, when the Men had made him drunk with Liquor, and he was capering about, that he fell into a large Vessel of boiling Water. They soon got him out, and he recovered; but he was very much hurt, and being sensible, that this Accident arose from his losing his Senses by Drinking, he would never taste any strong Liquor afterwards.—My old Master, on relating this Story, and shewing the Dog, used to address us thus, *Ah, my Friends, had you but half the Sense of this poor Dog here, you would never get fuddled, and be Fools.*

I am, Sir, Your's, &c.

W. B.

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